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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY Report #5 -- 2007 Pacific Whiting Fishery

This report consolidates preliminary state, federal, and tribal data for the 2007 Pacific whiting fishery. Due to concerns about the incidental catch of overfished species, bycatch limits are in place for canary (4.7 mt), darkblotched rockfish (25 mt) and widow rockfish (220 mt) taken in the non-tribal sectors of the fishery. If any of the bycatch limits is reached, the primary whiting seasons for the non-tribal fisheries will end regardless of the amount of whiting allocation remaining.

	Allocation		Whiting Catch* (mt)	Overfished Species and Chinook salmon catch	Thru [date]	Status	Percent of allocation taken
	Percentages	Metric Tons					
California (south of 42 N lat.)	(5% shore alloc'n; included in WOC shore allocation)	4,370	2,967			started 4/1	
Oregon	--	NA	22,979				
Washington	--	NA	13,614				
<b>WOC shore-based</b>	42% commercial OY	<b>87,398</b>	39,560	Canary – 0.82 mt Widow – 51.64 mt Darkblotched – 0.97 mt Chinook # 2,031	7/7	coastwide started 6/15	45.3%
<b>Mothership</b> (n. of 42 N. lat.)	24% commercial OY	<b>49,942</b>	47,808	Canary – 1.58 mt Widow – 73.18 mt Darkblotched – 6.80 mt Chinook # 589	7/15	started 5/15	95.7%
<b>Catcher/processor</b> (n. of 42 N. lat.)	34% commercial OY	<b>70,751</b>	42,330	Canary – 0.35 mt Widow – 71.74 mt Darkblotched – 5.25 mt Chinook # 432	7/15	started 5/15	59.8%
Total nontribal	commercial OY	208,091	129,698	Canary – 2.75 mt Widow – 196.56 mt Darkblotched – 13.02 mt Chinook - # 3,052	--	--	62.3%
<b>Tribal (Makah)</b>		<b>32,500</b>	647	Canary - 0.03 Widow - 0.00 Darkblotched - 0.00 Chinook # 38	6/2		2.0%
Total directed fishing		240,591	130,345	Canary – 2.78 mt Widow – 196.56 mt Darkblotched – 13.02 mt Chinook # 3,090	--		54.1%
Total	OY=optimum yield	242,591	130,345		--	--	--

\* Catch includes: discards from at-sea processors; weigh-backs from shore-based vessels; and catch landed under trip limits prior to the season. The values for at-sea processing sectors are based on NMFS observer data. Data for shore-based vessels were provided by the States. Data for the at-sea processing portion of the Makah fishery are based on preliminary NMFS observer data and shore-based catch was provided by tribal samplers. All weights are in metric ton (2,204.6 pounds).